(v) the reasonableness of price and other commercial terms (including the willingness to take back unsold stocks).

Moreover, the CSD also considers whether the same product is not already being adequately stocked|supplied by other manufacturers. When it is decided to accept a product, the price and commercial terms are negotiated.

(c) In addition to the range of products already being carried by CSD, since April 1988, 457 suppliers approached the CSD for acceptance of new products. The list at Part I of Annexure contains the details of six suppliers whose products have been accepted in small quantities, on a trial basis Part II of Annexure contains information in respect of 61 suppliers whose requests for the acceptance of their products are still under consideration. Part III of the Annexure contains the list of 398 suppliers whose requests have been declined. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 89].

Rtviewing the case of Clinoquinol group of drugs

@1805-A. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to review the case of Clinoquinol group of drugs because of complaints of their being responsible for causing SMON;

(b) whether Government have set a time period to do this and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will seek the opinion of expert organisations/individuals out-side the Government circle in assessing the feasibility of these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Government have not received any request for review of the use of clinoquinol group of drugs in India, on account of SMON.

Government, have, however, decided to consult expert once again because of the concern shown by some Hon'ble Members of both the Houses. The date for the purpose would be generated by approved Medical Institutions.

It is not possible for Government to set a time frame for the purpose as such studies need a long time for any meaningful interpretation.

Replacement of Common-Salt by Iodised Salt in the Country

@@1805-B. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI :
SHRI J. P. JAVALI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to tate:

(a) whether the sale of all edible common salt will be prohibited in Delhi from June 1989 and also in the rest of the country and will be replaced with iodised salt without any increase in prices over common-salt as reported in the Hindustan Times of 30th March, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that Iodised salt is now being sold at a higher price than common salt;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Iodised salt continues to rely on imports of Iodine and if so, what is the anticipated foreign exchange out-go; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) The Government of India has launched a scheme of universal iodisation of edible salt in the country in a

@Previously Unstarred Question 1415 transferred from the 8th May, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1487 transferred from the 8th May, 1989.

phased manner to be completed by the year 1992. So far 14 States/Union Territories have issued notification banning sale of non-iodised salt. Also 5 States have issued ban notifications in the identified goitre endemic districts. The Delhi Administration have issued notification to ban sale of non-iodised salt in the Union Territory of Delhi w.e.f. 1st June, 1989.

(b) The Government is providing 100 per cent subsidy towards the cost of Potassium Iodate, the chemical used for iodisation of edible salt to the iodised salt manufacturers. Iodised salt is available in the market at marginally higher prices as compared to those of common salt of similar quality and packing. A quantity of 1.66 lakh tonnes of iodised salt has been supplied to Delhi during 1988.

(c) and (d) The Government of India is not importing iodine for manufacture of iodised salt. However, crude iodine is being imported by actual users on production of essentiality certificate from the salt commissioner under Open General Licence Policy of the Government.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Accounts (1987-88) of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling and related papers.

II. Accounts (1987-88) of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the followng papers :—

I (a) Annual Accounts of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, for the year 1987-88, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7919/87 for (a) to (c).]

II (a) Annual Accounts of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, for the year 1987-88 and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7920/81 for (a) to (c).].

Report (1986 87) of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीमती सुमित्रा ग्रौरांव) : मैं संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338 के खंड 2 के अधीन 1986-87 के वर्ष के लिए अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आयुक्त के अट्ठाइसवें प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखती हूं [पुस्तकालय में रखी गई देखिए संख्या एल टी-7878/89]

General Insurance Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and other conditions of service of supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff, Amendment Scheme, 1989.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : Madam, on behalf of SHRI B. K. GADHVI, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), Notification S.O. No. 180(E), dated the 10th March, 1989, publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and Other Conditions of Service of Supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1989, under section 17 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7870/89].